

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Everybody Should Rejoice in The Lord at These Glad Easter Times!

If The Holy Ghost Abides in You He Will Surely Manifest Himself Sometimes !

EASTER MESSAGE

Commemorate The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Great Miracle of the Ages, the Hope of the Christian.

This was the principal theme during the ministry of the Apostles after they were baptized with the Holy Ghost. They preached the resurrection everywhere they went. They told the people fearlessly that Jesus died and rose again the third day "as He said".

Words fail to describe this wonderful event. The whole week from the beginning of Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday was full of thrilling events. Many thought the great drama was ended when the body of Jesus was taken down from the cross. But there was another thrilling scene to follow. Although He was dead He came to life again. The grave could not hold Him.

The Meaning of Easter. How it thrills one's soul to meditate upon it! The Son of God who had been crucified a few days before came to life again, and is alive forevermore. He rose from the dead early on Easter morning. Who would not want to commemorate such an event? The Sunday known as Palm Sunday is great on account of that wonderful triumphant entry into Jerusalem. But Easter is the great day.

When a child I knew Easter by the eggs we had to eat. That was the only time in the year I could have all the eggs I wanted. But I did not know one thing about what it meant. I did not know the breaking of the egg-shell was to represent the breaking open of the tomb that held the body of my Lord. I was not taught it, and of course I did not know. I was near twenty five years of age before I knew. But when I knew the power of the wonderful resurrection I commenced to tell it. I have done my best to tell the little boys and girls the meaning of Easter with its eggs and glad Easter songs.

There is a story told of two men that took a walk one Easter day. They left Jerusalem feeling sad because their Lord had been crucified on Friday morning before. Their lives were gloomy and their conversation along the way naturally turned to the late events. Before they reached Emmaus, the village of their destination, a third party joined them. This third person was Jesus but they did not know Him. They knew Jesus had been crucified and doubtless they had witnessed the scene until the body was taken down from the cross and placed with loving hands in Joseph's new tomb.

Jesus did not begin His interpretation of the Scripture as soon as He overtook the two men on their way. They were engrossed with their own sorrowful thoughts, and they would not have welcomed the teaching of one whom they took for a stranger. Though He well knew the cause of their sadness, He skillfully led them to tell Him about it. After they had told him what had happened, and had given expression to their hopes and their fears, then they were ready for Jesus' consolation and revelation.

His explanation of the whole incident and the interpretation of all the Scriptures caused their hearts to burn within their breasts. He knew just how to lead them on step by step and give them consolation and peace.

It is a great art, this, the art of drawing out those you wish to instruct. If you would be master of the art you must never repel confidences by showing yourself uninterested in or unsympathetic to the interests of those to be instructed. The result of a wrong attitude is given in the following incident and mothers and teachers should take warning by it.

"A little girl four years old made a picture on a scrap of paper. It meant nothing to any one but to her. To her it meant more than any other picture. She had made it, and she was full of new joy because she had discovered that she had power to make a picture to correspond with her thoughts. She took it to her mother with her young heart full of hope for sympathetic appreciation. Her mother looked at the tangled lines that meant nothing to her, and said in the chilling tone of criticism: 'Well if I could not draw better than that I would not draw at all.' Forty years after, the daughter said: 'My mother shut a door that day between her soul and mine that was never opened again.'"

This is a sad story, but I trust it will be a blessing to some one that might unintentionally shut the door against doing some soul the good they desire.

There was some remarkable things about the walk to Emmaus. These men had not gone far before they found company. Somewhere along the road they were joined by a Stranger. He was a very sympathetic Man, like all of us ought to be, and at once noticed how sad they were, and inquired the reason. They began to talk, and finding that He appeared to be ignorant of recent events they told Him of the last days of Jesus and went on to confess their own disappointment in that they hoped it was He that should redeem Israel.

The stranger proved to be a good listener. Doubtless many would be better able to help and comfort others if they were only good listeners instead of all the time doing the most of the talking. He never once interrupted but waited until they had finished. And when they had come to the end, had rolled their burden on Somebody else, they felt much better. Confession is good for one who is troubled.

This Stranger turned out to be a Man who knew their Scriptures better than they did, and He proceeded at once to show them how the facts they had told about fitted the prophecies.

And as He talked, the crucifixion and death of Jesus took on a new meaning for them. Difficulties vanished, doubts went, their old faith in Jesus revived, and the world suddenly became a good place in which to live.

But of all the remarkable things about this journey the greatest was the discovery which the two disciples made. When they came to the little village they went to the inn or the house of a friend for the evening meal, and the Stranger began to say good-bye. But they would not let Him go, and they went in and sat down to eat. Then He broke the bread and blessed it as only one Man they knew had ever done, and it flashed upon

them who He was. When they knew Him they knew many things, why their hearts had burned, why the way and talk had been so delightful, and that the story the women had told them was true—their Christ was alive! Indeed it was a good Easter day to them. But before they could speak and fall down and worship Him, He had gone.

I have often wondered how long it took those two men to get back to Jerusalem, and tell their good news. Fired by such a discovery, doubtless they were soon speeding on their way back to tell the others. There is always a reward for those who bear their troubles in the right way. They discover things about themselves and others and Jesus which make their lives richer and happier.

There are many lonely hearts on this glad Easter day, for it is the first Easter that some loved ones have been missed from their homes. What light and cheer would come to them

it's feet, conclusive proof of the existence of an unseen world, without which these parts of itself could have no possible meaning.

Some one has said "we find in ourselves capacities, qualities, that are sufficient proof of the life beyond the grave, since those things are meaningless if such a life does not exist. That the finest things in our own souls are to be unfulfilled, that they are begun and then denied completion, is an incredible thought; it is the denial of the existence of God and the rationality of the universe. Our faith in the resurrection of Jesus rests not only upon the testimony of those who say they saw Him alive from the dead, but also upon the feeling in our very souls that a life so rich, so valuable could not possibly be treated as worthless."

The regular Easter festival of immortality has laid its periodic share in quickening the hope in the heart of humanity. The very thought of the living Christ

Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship him. Matt. 2:2.

Now time has past since angel host
Announced the Savior's birth!
That star so bright with heaven's light
Illumed His manger here on earth!

The promised Child came down from God,
His own dear Son to us He's given,
To buy us back from sin and death,
And give us right to enter heaven!

He shed His blood to make us clean,
He bore the cross to set us free;
He rose in triumph from the grave,
Our glorious Savior now is He!

He came as King and wore a crown,
A crown of thorns upon His brow,
His kingdom since has had no prince,
On heaven's throne He's seated now.

For David's house lies silent still,
In dust and ashes must remain,
Till He comes back to take the throne,
And all the earth her King proclaim.

But soon, oh soon He's coming back,
To take His blood bought children home,
For He has said, "I'll come again,"
And then He'll reign on David's throne.

And when He comes He's not alone,
For with Him comes His spotless bride,
For her He waits, as she for Him,
Then never more she'll leave His side.

Come quickly Lord, and peace restore,
The earth is torn with sin and strife;
There is no help but in Thyself,
For Thou alone art Light and Life.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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all if they fully realized the great truth which Easter proclaims! But alas! many of them are in the dark and it seems hard to make them understand.

If we could enter a shell and speak to the bird that is about to break into the outer world, and tell it of the beautiful world so very near, and yet so unseen, the bird might not be able to credit our teaching concerning that near but unseen world. How, then, should we be able to convince it of the truth of our statements? It seems to me that I should call the bird's attention to some things in itself that means the existence of a world immediately outside the shell. I would reason thus:

What's the meaning of the wings you have if there is not a world where they can be used? I'm sure you will never use them in this small place. And what is the significance of those eyes you have if there isn't light beyond the shell in which you are enclosed? And what possible use can there be for these feet if there isn't ground upon which they shall stand and walk?

The bird would find in itself—in its eyes, and its wings, and

makes the whole conception of a life beyond seem more reasonable and more possible. And as often as the shadows of mortality fall across our path, and the withered leaves of hope come fluttering to the ground, so often do the words of the apostle Peter renew their song of triumph in our hearts: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."—1 Peter 1:3.

The loving words of Jesus to His disciples are always full of hope and cheer. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also."—John 14:18, 19. The great miracle of the ages is indeed the hope of the Christian. We live because He lives. Our eternal life and happiness is made possible by the resurrection of Jesus, then why not commemorate the resurrection of our Lord by some special program, or by giving it special attention in some way? And we will! This is glad Easter day!

GOD'S FIRE

J. Leon Thornhill

"I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?" Luke 12:49.

Dear readers of the Evangel, I hear many say they would like to understand this text for they believe it has a deep meaning. Indeed this is a wonderful text. I am getting better acquainted with it as the days go by, and you will too, sooner or later, if you have been saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost.

Many of God's dear children who have received the "baptism of the Holy Ghost," and with it the power of holy living service, have now entered upon a new experience, which at first they do not understand. Dearly beloved, since you have obeyed God and received your baptism promised you in Matt. 3:11, you are then ready for "God's fire." Many of God's children have already asked the queer question, "What is God's fire?" Let us see what we can get out of the text, in the light of God's Word, as He reveals Himself therein.

He (God) has begun to baptize with, to send fire on the earth-life, "For our God is a consuming fire." (Heb. 12:29.) This experience is often unexpected and being so, it is painful indeed, until He makes them understand that they are perfectly in His will now as when everything went easy. Nay, He has put them forward into another class in the school of the Holy Ghost, where they may learn deeper lessons as they are able to endure. He wants to reveal His glory in them.

The night before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed, "Father, glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee," and He knew as He prayed thus that the only way to glory was via Calvary.

He has said that the disciple shall be as his Master, but our poor human nature would rather find some easier way or road. We shrink from suffering, and would like to find some "royal road to learning" instead of the old fashioned way set forth by Jesus Christ. He was, you must remember, made perfect through suffering. "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering." Heb. 2:10.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial (or trials) which is to try you." You are thus being made a partaker of His suffering, filling up, as Paul says, "What was left behind of the sufferings of Jesus for the Church of God's sake." "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him, and the only way to glorification is by the Calvary route, and through "the same school that Jesus went through." He does not reveal to us all that it means when we get on the path of full consecration; we could not understand it at first. So He leads us on tenderly as we are able

to endure. Thank God, He does bring us to a place of spiritual endurance, to manhood in Christ, if "we follow to know the Lord"—able to eat strong meat.

There is a plenty of babes in the Church of God today, God wants men, men in whom He can reveal Himself; men (and women too) who have sought to know God; to be His utterly and entirely; to live day by day a life of abandonment to the Holy Ghost and His leadings; to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, thus becoming "conformable to His death."

When the Holy Ghost has led into fiery trials and these have not been understood, Satan has tried to get some to condemn themselves for some contemplated unfaithfulness. They think they must have grieved God, or they would not be thus tried. Oh, beloved, "think it not strange." It is after we are illuminated that He calls us to endure a great fight of afflictions. Not one trial only, but a great conflict; Satan allowed to try his utmost to overthrow God's work, a great inward and outward shaking "that the things which cannot be shaken may remain."

The precious Holy Ghost is the God within to enable us to endure it all. Praise the dear Lord! Isn't it wonderful to suffer for God? Glory, glory, I have suffered much in my body for the last three years; have experienced and learned many great lessons through my sufferings for Jesus. It has been good for me.

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right and that thou in faithfulness hath afflicted me. Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction." (Psa. 119:71, 75, 92.) "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 1:7.

Notice the last clause, "Might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." The Holy One has truly come to His temple, as we read in the writing of the prophet, Malachi, "But who may abide the day of his coming? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's sope." He has to cleanse the temple and try the gold as by fire, to separate it from its natural elements—the dross of human nature, that the nature of God may be manifest in our bodies.

It is no fault of ours that dross is mixed with the gold. Do we find the natural gold without dross? No, the gold must be fired before it can be purified. God's own precious people, found at such a cost as the life blood of His only Son, who went in search of them, must be purified. Thank God, the gold will stand the fire; wood, hay and stubble only will burn. Gold will thus be made pure and fit

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Sunday, April 11th, is Home Mission Day again.

The work on the Assembly Auditorium is moving on nicely. Ask the Lord to send us means to pay the bills.

The Sunday School interest is increasing nicely, judging from the many good reports that are coming in.

We have the orders for Sunday-school literature all filled up to date. If any of the schools have not received what they ordered it must be delayed in the mails. It will probably reach you soon.

For years the Lord's people have refused to use many of the musical instruments that are in the world because they are used for such gross worldly entertainment, but the Church of God people are bringing everything back to use for the glory of God. We believe we can glorify God with all kinds of musical instruments, and we believe it is Scriptural to use them. I wonder if the moving-picture machine will not be wrenched from the devil sometime and put in use to help us spread the gospel. What would be more impressive, than the incidents relative to the crucifixion and resurrection thrown on the screen with an appropriate sermon on the subject? I am sure we need to use every means available to attract and instruct the people about our Christ.

Tomorrow, Sunday April 4th, is the day for the Sunday-school to begin to tithe their offerings to send to headquarters to be used to propagate the Sunday-school work. This plan is authorized by the Assembly and the hundreds of letters that are pouring into this office indicate much interest and enthusiasm among the people about the matter. Everybody seems well pleased with the scheme and are heartily entering into the spirit of progressiveness that is designed. As soon as there is sufficient means we want to put Sunday-school workers in the field to assist in establishing a Sunday-school in every local church and in many places where there are no churches. We believe the Sunday-school is a fine feeder for

the Church and should be encouraged and pushed everywhere. I am delighted because our people are getting waked up on this subject. We also want the Sunday-school Superintendents and workers to inform themselves about the "Home Class Department" and put it into working order as fast as possible. Write us for leaflet giving instructions if you do not have them. 25 cts. per hundred.

Remember we can furnish you with Bible cases at \$1.75 single clasp or \$2.00 double clasp. Give us the dimensions of your Bible when you order. We also have a supply of the Ladies Hand Bags at \$2.25 plus 10c for postage.

Last week we stated that a new department has been added to the Evangel office for the benefit of our people and for the general good in many ways. We believe it is the very thing our people have been looking for for years. Some of the good features were mentioned, but these are only a drop of what this department will accomplish when it gets into shape and every part of it in perfect working order. It will solve many problems among which is the loan and savings features already mentioned. It is expected to provide homes and help for worn out preachers, to assist the widows and orphans and provide for advertising the Church and property that our people want to sell or exchange. The time has come that it is necessary for us to really and truly be closer compacted together in spirit and in general interest. We must prepare to stick to one another when the severe trials come. We must not let one member be left to himself. He that undertakes to go through alone like people used to do, will be disappointed. We must go together. We must help one another. Write for particulars, and pray that God will put it into the hearts of all for us to be more closely drawn together and so well organized that the work of the Church will move on regardless of all opposition. We feel that God is with us in this and all other work, but we are anxious to see greater works, and a closer and more complete fellowship and cooperation so that the gospel may be hastened on and more souls saved.

Many are watching with great interest the weekly reports about the drive to pay for the Evangel building. We are much gratified because of this interest manifested. And we hope soon to go over the top so we can say the mountain has been cast into the sea. But it will take a few more good enthusiastic "heaves" and it will go "splash" into the sea—never to rise again. The amount received since last report is \$103.70. This reduces the debt to \$980.20. This is something to rejoice over. We now owe less than a thousand. Surely we will get it all wiped out rapidly now. I am still looking for the one hundred dollar person previously mentioned. Come on, beloved, let us finish up this drive quickly so we can commence another on the Auditorium and Orphanage. Please remember we are lapping over now, since the work on the Auditorium has already commenced. I love you all good, and I know you all love me and will stand by me in this great work and heavy burden and responsibility.

A message over long distance phone last week announced the death of our beloved brother, S. W. Patterson. It was with deep regrets that I declined the invitation to go and preach the funeral. Sister Patterson and the other relatives have my deepest sympathy in their loss, but Brother Patterson was like a shock of corn fully ripe and had lived above his allotted time, having passed his four-score years. I well remember the first time I met Brother Patterson and told him about the Church of God. He was on the bank of the Cumberland river where he awaited while I was being ferried across from the other side. We have been fast friends ever since that time. He was ordained Bishop

in the Church of God Oct. 2, 1909, having served faithfully in that position ever since.

We would like to have all the money paid in as soon as possible that was pledged at the last Assembly for the Auditorium and Orphanage. All of this will be needed in a few weeks and thousands more. Pray and help us all you can while this great work is progressing.

The Minutes of the last General Assembly are still going at 25c per copy and \$2.50 per doz. We hope all of our people will continue to take an interest in their circulation. Every member should have a copy, and they will be good to place in the hands of outsiders. Help us to push their sale for the good they will do.

Revival at Parish, Fla.
Dear Evangel Family—Greeting:

The Lord has again visited Parish and poured out His Spirit in power and blessings. The meeting began Feb. 6, and after a hard battle over a week against the powers of darkness, the enemy began to give back and the glory of the Lord began to flow in upon us.

Brother Churchill arrived several days late on account of sickness. The Lord was with him in power. The first night he preached: conviction settled down upon the people and several gave their hand for prayer. Brother Churchill had the anointing from the Lord, and gave out burning messages from the Word and in song. People filled the altar crying out to God, and seekers were lying prostrate on the straw under the power of God and came through to victory with their faces shining with the glory of the Lord, and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance, according to Acts 2:4.

The old tabernacle was made to ring with prayers, shouts and praises. Saints of God were rejoicing, talking in tongues, dancing and running and making a loud noise to the God of their salvation.

Sister Pringle of Cortez lay for several hours under the power of God and saw a beautiful vision of the Church of God. She said it was the prettiest thing she ever saw and the people's heads were all together in it.

Another night a sister heard heavenly music outside the tabernacle like a brass band playing, and one night like as of fire was seen under a sister's feet as she was dancing. Visions were seen, a star and like as of fire, which denotes the presence of God. The manifestations of the Spirit were wonderful and heavenly.

Sister Carter of Cortez and Sister Driggers of Tampa were with us during part of the meeting and assisted in song and testimony and in the altar. On Sunday some of the saints, from Cortez, Manatee and Wimauga would come in and help in the battle, and God poured out His Spirit in power and blessing. These were great days of feasting with the Lord. The sweet love and fellowship was a foretaste of heaven. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psa. 133:1.)

One Sunday the power fell in such a mighty way when we went to prayer in the morning service until there was no chance for preaching. Hungry souls were praying and lying prostrate under the power of God. The altar call was given and the meeting continued till the afternoon service without closing, and precious souls came through rejoicing in the Lord. The power and presence of God filled the place.

Several were saved and sanctified and sixteen were filled with the Holy Ghost.

The last Sunday of the meeting, the glory of the Lord came down upon us; we had music and dancing and burning testimonies were given. Brother Churchill arose after the testimony service and said he would preach about the Church of God, and as he began to talk, the Lord set His seal upon it and the Holy Ghost began to speak through the saints in

different parts of the congregation. Brother Ed Simmons, the district overseer, spoke in other tongues and two of the saints got the interpretation which was, "I am leading my people in the true and living way." The power fell on the congregation when it was given out.

Brother Churchill gave an inspiring and soul-stirring message about the Church of God, showing from the Word that she is a visible church and not invisible. After the message thirteen were added to the church, and in the afternoon nine followed the Lord in water baptism. That night we had the Lord's supper, washed one another's feet and rejoiced.

How I praise God for the way He is blessing His saints in Fla., and leading His church on to victory. The Lord is truly blessing His church in these days, she is rising above every persecution and shining forth the glory of the Lord in these days when the darkness of unbelief and false doctrines are covering the earth.

Your sister in Jesus, and watching for the return of our Lord,

Mrs. Clyde Haynes.

The Lord is with us.

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" Psa. 118:6.

"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" Heb. 13:6.

"Peter in prison, lay between two soldiers sleeping,

The Church of God was praying and weeping;

Bound with two chains and keepers kept the door,

"As though he could leave, could he man help do more?"

Behold, the angel and a light shone in the prison dark,

"Arise up quickly," hear Him say, hark!

The power of God, off his hands the chains fell,

Followed the angel out; the keepers could not tell.

He cast his garment about him and obeyed the angel's word,

Tho' he thought he saw a vision he trusted in the Lord.

They passed through to the iron gate which opened to its own accord;

The angel carried him through one street and left without a word.

Now when Peter came to himself, he could not ask for more,

But went right up to Mary's house and knocked upon the door;

He found a crowd had gathered there, calling upon God;

Of course a prison could not hold a trusting child of God.

Was Peter all we can recall of men who trusted God?

No, Paul and Stephen, John and more stood firm upon His Word;

We look into the furnace hot and see the figures three,

Protected by the figure "Fourth" who never leaveth thee.

To see His face, to hear Him say, well done thou faithful one,

Is all the joy that I desire, to worship Him alone,

Can tribulation, pain or woe separate us from His love?

Oh! Hallelujah to the Lord, our names are written down above.

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Rom. 5:3-5.

I would like to send a little love message to each of the Evangel family. "Keep pressing on the upward way, new heights we're gaining every day." We know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. God bless each one, and let us all pray more for Brother Tomlinson this year—until Jesus comes, than we have ever done.

Clara Mulliken, Trappe, Md.

A Marvelous Healing

Dear Evangel Family: While holding a meeting at Lyra, Texas, I heard of a man fifty-four years of age, who was very low with a cancer. I went to see him and told him how the Lord would heal him. I talked to his wife and she told me the doctor, a cancer special-

ist, had told her that morning that her husband could not live twenty-four hours.

The cancer was on the lips, chin and throat and was a horrible thing to look upon, as it had slowly eaten his lower lip and chin away. The doctor had said that the inflammation had gone down the throat to the stomach, and there was nothing that could be done. He looked so pitiful, his throat and stomach were swollen and he had not eaten anything for several days. His fever was high and he was suffering intensely.

I prayed with him and went away and began a fast. I called in several of the saints at Lyra, and we prayed for him, anointing him in Jesus' name. 'Twas wonderful to see how the Lord touched him. All the swelling was driven away and the fever all left, the pain was also gone. He arose and dressed himself, ate a hearty meal and went to meeting that night and testified to his healing. In a day or two the cancer fell out and the place was healing over when I left. He came to meeting every night and was earnestly seeking the Lord.

Dear saints, dare to undertake great things for God. Truly the harvest is ripe and God wants us to show His mighty power to the lost world. Why do we hesitate to undertake to do exploits for Him who is all powerful? His truth is marching on and He is waiting to reveal great things through us. Hallelujah! We will accomplish these things for Him who said He would give us power over all the power of the enemy.

Yours and His, Mrs. B. L. Shepherd.

Haleyville, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All Evangel Readers—Greeting in Jesus' Sweet Name:

I am glad to report victory at this time. Glory to God. I repented and was saved twenty-four years ago. I was a Baptist till about nine years ago. I was sanctified and learned that I must have the precious Holy Ghost and I tarried till I received the blessing. I had no one to help but the Lord. The Lord also healed me, glory to God. I am so glad I am in this strait and narrow way.

D. W. Hill.

Report—Simms, L. I., Bahamas.
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints:

We have had an eight days revival. Thirteen were saved and sanctified and eleven of them were baptized with the Holy Ghost. None of them are added to the church but we are expecting some of them.

Two of our sisters lay prostrate under the power of the Lord for two hours or longer at a time. They took the lamp from the table, placed it on their heads and danced under the power. They also handled hot lamp chimneys.

I want to lead this little band right up the line till I meet Jesus. Pray that we will keep in the faith. We have a good Sunday school.

Yours in the service for Jesus,

Geo. F. Miller.

Derby, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints in Christ—Greetings:

I want to praise God for what He has done for me. I know He has saved and sanctified me and given me faith to trust Him for everything. He has healed me of stomach trouble of twenty-four years standing.

I want all the saints to pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost.

Your brother in Christ, I. T. Brown.

Report.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Have just closed a three weeks meeting at White Oak Springs near Benton, Tenn. The Lord

surely did bless all the way through.

One young man was baptized with the Holy Ghost and received the call to preach and his eyes were healed. The saints were edified and built up in the most holy faith.

One of the saints was overcome during the meeting. We wanted to pray for him but he was not willing. We held on to God and after fasting three or four days he became willing, called in some of the saints and was wonderfully reclaimed. Well, glory, it seemed like heaven was in our midst. I never realized such love before.

It is wonderful how God will bless if we will stay humble and obedient.

Yours on the battle-field, Emma McPherson.

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Nassau, N. P., Bahamas

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the good Lord for what He has done for me. All in my house were sick, we kept on praying and the Lord heard our prayers and today we are able to praise Him. The best of all we are in the Church of God and there to stay until the shout or summons.

Your faithful brother and sister in Christ, and in the work of the Lord,

George L. Sawyer. Ellen Sawyer.

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Report from Poplar Grove, Ark.
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Saints of God—Scattered Abroad:

I want to sound a note of praise for what God is doing here. Have just closed a five nights meeting. Twelve received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the saints were brought together in a oneness. O, it was wonderful. Bless His dear name! I feel like pressing on in the great battle for Jesus. Pray that we can get a church house soon. We have the land and it is paid for. Thank God! Pray that I may be as clay in the potter's hands.

D. W. Dollahite.

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Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Precious Name:

I want to praise God for His mighty works. He has saved me from a life of sin and shame. I am glad I have found the great Church of God that He said the gates of hell should not prevail against.

The Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh and sons and daughters are prophesying, glory to God! There are only five of us here but we are living on the hallelujah side and having wonderful meetings. It has been almost a year since the Lord brought me from the loathsome way of sin.

Pray for Jesus to keep me in this way till He comes or calls.

Your sister under the blood, Zorah Miller.

SATAN—HIS EARLY HOME
(DEMONOLOGY)

Continued from last week

F. J. Lee.

We have seen by the above Scriptures that Satan was a created being, very beautiful and glorious, full of knowledge and wisdom; now he is a depraved, fallen and ungrateful being. While great has been his fall, let us keep in mind that he didn't fall from the "heavens of heavens" where God's throne is.

You say, "If his early home wasn't in heaven, where could it have been?" Jude tells us about the "angels which kept not their first estate, but left their habitation." There was a class of angels that inhabited a place somewhere, which was referred to as "their estate." It was a place or places especially prepared for them.

Some will say, Where could their estate have been? My opinion is that they inhabited some of the planets, also this earth on which we now live. What! This earth inhabited by angelic beings? I shouldn't wonder that it was just that way. There are many things in scientific research which seem to point out that this globe is thousands of years older than men have really thought of.

Geologists have figured from many views that this earth is the age of between ten and twenty million years. This will seem too strange for many to accept, but if it can be proven that this earth was inhabited before Adam's time, it will not seem so strange after all.

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Gen. 1:2. First, we shall notice the statement, "The earth was without form and void." In Jeremiah 4:23, we read, "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void." Reading to the 27th verse, we learn that the mountains trembled, the hills moved, there was no man, and the birds had fled. "For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate." Jer. 4:27.

The above shows us what was meant by the statement, "The earth was without form and void." Then Isaiah tells us, "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turned it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof." Isa. 24:1.

Therefore, we see that this earth is some day to be "without form and void" again. It is not to be destroyed entirely for we read, "For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make it a full end." Jer. 4:27.

This was the condition of this world before Adam's day. God did not create this earth to remain a chaos but created it to be inhabited. Isa. 45:18. The earth could not remain inundated for God had decreed that it must be inhabited. Hence, the first act of bringing forth this world from its chaotic and void condition.

The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters. Gen. 1:2. The Spirit moving the waters caused some of the water to be taken up above the firmament. "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear and it was so." Gen. 1:9. We have learned that "it was so," that the earth was before Adam's time but covered with water. God moved the waters back to a place which He called seas, then the earth began to put forth her vegetation, making preparation for the inhabitants that were soon to be placed on the earth.

Peter speaks about the earth being twice submerged in water. I will read in the Syriac translation which is said to be very perfect. "For this they willingly forget, that the heavens were of old; and the earth rose up from the waters, and by

means of water, by the Word of God. And by means of these waters, the world which then was being submerged, again perished in the waters." 2 Pet. 2:5, 6. This word "again" signifies that the earth had been covered more than once. This was in pre-Adamic times and in Noah's day.

We see also, in Peter's same writing that the earth is being reserved for the next destruction, not by water but by fire.

It was said to Noah when the waters were abated, "Multiply and replenish the earth. Replenish means to fill up again (Webster). You say, I understand God meant for Noah to multiply and fill the earth with inhabitants again. That is true, but have you noticed that the same demand was made to Adam? Gen. 1:8.

If replenish signifies the earth has been filled with inhabitants before Noah's time, why does it not mean the same before Adam's time? I am persuaded that it does. Hence, Lucifer's early home, or at least one of the globes he dominated.

(To be continued)

Praises God for Victory.

To All the Saints Everywhere:

I am glad to report victory in my soul. I am saved and sanctified and have the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

I'm glad to report victory for this place. On the night of Feb. 29, we had prayer meeting in my home and the dear Lord surely did bless. The saints danced, talked in tongues, handled fire and messages were given out under the great power of God, and hot lamp chimneys were handled. Our little girl nine years of age handled fire and she would hold her hand over a lamp while the blaze went between her fingers with no burn. One was saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

I am so glad I belong to the dear old Church of God. Husband and I are determined to stand by the Church of God with all her government, and teachings.

Pray that God will give us a church house soon. Lots of good people here are looking to the dear old Church of God.

Your sister in the battle for Jesus,

Laura Brabson.

Elizabethton, Tenn.

Sims' Bunch's, L. I., Bahamas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

With much love we write you this letter, hoping it will be approved of and solicit some sympathy for our dear Brother Fred G. Taylor who has been in the northern part of this island, preaching the full gospel that saves from sin. He is the only Church of God Evangelist that is traveling from village to village, evangelizing the island. The Lord has blessed his ministry and he has recently established the Church of God in this part of the island. The church is not yet in a financial condition to minister to his necessities.

O, how we wish that we were able to help him for he is worthy of his hire and should be remembered by the great Church of God throughout the universe. He has just made a journey of twenty-eight miles on foot. His needs are many, and if you only knew them it would move you with compassion.

He never murmurs or complains but is always cheerful and satisfied and willing to suffer for the sake of carrying the gospel message to poor lost souls. And for this cause he has willingly left his dear little ones at home, trusting in the Lord for support.

We notice that his shoes are all worn out, caused by traveling so much over these rough rugged roads. Still he says he is perfectly willing to do as dear Brother Roy C. Miller did, that is, to walk with bare feet over the rocks—all for Jesus. A sister, seeing how poorly shod he was, took shoes from her feet and gave them to him until he could get means to purchase a pair. He was sent there by the

overseer to do missionary work.

We would like for him to remain with us for there is no one at present who is capable of teaching the doctrine of the Church of God. All are beginners and need instruction. At present, we are having strong opposition because we are members of the Church of God.

On Sunday afternoon ten men came to our meeting and greatly withstood Brother Taylor. One of them, who seemed to be the foreman, used offensive remarks but Brother Taylor was able to defend the faith and doctrine and very soon had them all subdued, and the power of God led them out.

We remain, yours in Christ.

Bro. William Smith.

Sr. R. E. Bowe.
(The overseer is looking after this matter but we need more funds to assist in this foreign work.—Ed.)

Report

Greeting to All in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise God for the way He has been blessing us. We pitched our new tent at Ft. White, Fla., where the full gospel had never been preached. The meeting continued for about two months. The Lord blessed Brother Johnson and others in giving out the Word. Some people said they would not attend but came when they learned that the reports they had heard were false.

After about two weeks preaching, praying, and singing, people began to open their eyes to the truth. Conviction seized them and they fell into the altar and began to cry out for mercy. Many of the people were converted to the truth, some were saved, others sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost.

The meeting was hindered some on account of cold and stormy weather and we had to quit twice on account of the influenza.

We certainly appreciate the way the people took care of us. During the rainy, stormy weather the people invited us to their homes and wonderfully took care of us, and we did not have to stay in our camping tent.

When we left with our tent, people offered their homes for places to hold meeting so the work is going on. Praise the Lord!

The "go ye" is burning in my soul. We are trying to open new fields. If you want a tent meeting and can make arrangements, write us at Branford, Fla.

Yours for the lost,
E. W. Williams and wife.

Notices.

Mrs. W. T. Mullen would like to know the whereabouts of her sister, Lena Isbell, last heard of at Rodgers, Texas, in 1917.

Address,

Mrs. W. T. Mullen,
Scobey, Miss., R. 1.

The location of the Venus church has been moved to Moore Haven, G. W. Howell of Moore Haven, Fla., will serve as clerk and treasurer, and W. H. Austin as assistant pastor.

Perry W. Hadsock, dist. overseer.

F. J. Lee, overseer of state.

The members of the Church of God at Alabama City, Ala., who are not in reach of the church and cannot attend services are requested to send a written testimony as to your spiritual condition, by the first Sunday in May and one each month thereafter. We have conference once a month and we want to hear from you.

By order of the church in conference, this 14th day of March, 1920.

F. L. Early, Clerk.

Alabama City, Ala.

We desire to know the spiritual condition of the following members:

Jonah Hancock, Wileigh Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. William Summeralls, Mary Lee Storter, Robert Jones, Annie Whidden, Alma, Sam, Will and Maxie Farbee, Mrs. Willoughby Whidden, Madie and Grace Whidden, and Walter Browning.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible. It is very

important that we hear from you.

Perry W. Hadsock, dist. pastor, Avon Park, Fla.

W. M. Austin, Asst. pastor, Ft. Meade, Fla.

To the Preachers of the Church of God Everywhere:

God in His wisdom has seen fit to let me have a vacant lot in Brooklyn, N. Y., one in Hazelwood, N. C., and a few acres in answer to prayer at Cullowhee, N. C. All these are new fields and I shall be glad to let some Church of God preacher put up a tent on any of this land this year. The land will be free as long as you wish to preach the gospel on it for the glory of God. No one can stop you or put you off the property. Glory to God!

Anyone who feels led to put up his tent, write me for description and location.

Yours for Jesus and lost souls,
E. D. Hopkins, Cullowhee, N. C.

Report and Notice

To All the Dear Saints—Greetings:

I praise God for victory. Bless His dear name!

I have just made a visit to Poplar Grove, Ark. We had a wonderful time with the Lord, sixteen were added to the Church of God. O, glory, God is showering blessings on the people in Ark. All we need to take the state is more help. Come this way and help us if you feel the call, the field is ripe to harvest and the love is flowing free.

Well, praise the Lord, I feel like going on.

Our state meeting will be held at Imboden, Ark., April 9th to 11th. We want all who can to come and be with us. We are looking for a good time in the Lord.

Let all the saints pray for us. Love to all.

Your brother in Christ,
D. R. Holcomb, overseer of Ark.

Obituaries

On March 19, 1920, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ross and took their darling baby, ten months of age.

I expect to meet him over yonder where there is no more parting.

He leaves a father, mother, three brothers and two grandmothers to survive him.

His friend,
Opal Armstrong,
Alicia, Ark.

The death angel visited the home of Brother Will Allison Feb. 18, 1920, and claimed his wife after an illness of only a week.

She leaves a husband, one child, a mother, two sisters and three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Weep not, dear ones, she is at home with Jesus. She is gone but not forgotten.

Her sister-in-law who loved her,

Ruth Aarons.

Asleep in Jesus

On Mar. 12, 1920, the death angel visited the home of M. E. Priester of Jesup, Ga., and claimed the loving wife and devoted mother, aged 32 years.

She was saved and sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and a true member of the Church of God.

She endured her suffering with patience. She was ill seven weeks and during her illness she would shout and talk in tongues.

She leaves to survive her a true and devoted husband, six children, and a host of relatives and friends.

It was sad to part with her but she is sweetly sleeping in the arms of Jesus. Our loss is heaven's gain. We hope to meet dear Bertie again where we'll not have to say good-bye.

One who loved her,

Her sister-in-law.

We, the Church of God at Stonefield, near Cascilla, Miss., have been made to weep and mourn over the departure of our beloved, Sister Etta Pressgrove.

She was born June 15, 1887, and died Feb. 29, 1920, aged 32 years, 8 months and 14 days.

She was a true, loyal soldier of our great King, and has been a faithful, loyal servant in the

Church of God ever since she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She and her husband, Brother H. A. Pressgrove, have labored hard together in the gospel for the last few years. Her husband's sorrows, troubles and sufferings in the gospel have been her sufferings too.

She faithfully stood by him till God called her to her reward. She trusted God to the end. Her last words were, "Honey, lay me down to sleep," then she passed away to the other shore to be with all the faithful.

She leaves to mourn over her departure, her husband and three children, a mother, one sister and a brother. They are not weeping as though they have no hope for they know that their loss is heaven's gain and that she will hear His voice according to John 5:29.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Joe Mullen. Talks were made by J. L. Thornhill and H. A. Pressgrove encouraging others to press on and meet her in glory. A great crowd attended the funeral.

She was laid to rest in Henson cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

Lord, help us to be faithful and meet her in the soon expected rapture.

Mrs. Lee Baker.

Reports.

To All the Dear Saints—Greetings:

Praise God for victory! We have just closed a meeting at Labelle, Fla., and the Lord did great things for us. Saints were revived and two received the Holy Ghost. Many hearts were stirred and people who had laid aside their Bibles began to see what God's Word said about this way.

The last night, I never saw it on that fashion before, the way God poured out His love. Even the sinners' hearts were stirred. Many melted in tears and many "God bless you" were passed.

All through the meeting we had large crowds, the best of behavior and eagerness to hear the real Word of God.

I love the people of Labelle and may God bless the many young boys for their good behavior and especially those who said, "Pray for me." They are all remembered in my prayers.

This is one of the best openings for a tent meeting that I know of. The people there are strong for the Church of God. God opened many eyes and convinced many hearts that the Church of God is right and stands for the truth.

God bless you all.
Robert L. Mixon,
Sarasota, Fla.

Requests

J. E. B. Red Bay, Ala., asks all the saints to pray that she will receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. W. T. Jones desires all the Christian people to pray that her head and eyes may be healed.

Lina Thomas of Branford, Fla., requests the saints to pray for her blind mother.

Carrie Murphy wants the prayers of all the saints for her unsaved son, three unsaved brothers, sister and father.

Bessie Elrod of Patrick, N. C., requests the prayers of all the saints that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Alva Odon of Branford, Fla., wants all the saints to help her pray that her brothers and sisters will be saved and sanctified.

Sister Martha Mocabey of W. Frankfort, Ill., requests prayer of the saints everywhere for the healing of a cancer.

Mrs. N. M. Carter of Bush, Ill., has heart trouble and asks the saints to pray that she will be healed and that she will be faithful.

Arthur McVay, Equality, Ill., requests prayer for Brother Jeff Milligan and family. He has the small pox.

M. A. Pharr, Vina, Ala., wants the saints to pray that her family will receive the Holy Ghost, and that she will hold out faithful.

M. I. B. of Belmont, Miss., re-

quests all the saints to join her in prayer for her and her husband who are seeking the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. G. G. Bruce, Wellford, S. C., requests the Church of God people to pray that she may be healed of indigestion, and that she will live closer to God.

J. E. Landdrome of Boaz, Ala., asks prayer that he and his family may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Lorinda Dobbs of Evansville, Tenn., desires special prayer that her foot may be healed and that her eyesight may be restored. She is almost blind.

Iowa Ledford of Omaha, Ark., wants the saints to help her pray that her brothers and sisters will be saved and sanctified. Also pray for her father.

J. J. York of Gary, W. Va., desires the Church of God people to pray that his four children may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church of God.

Mrs. Lovey Raulerson, Montic, Ga., asks the saints to pray that her husband may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Also pray for her mother, father and brother who are unsaved; and that she will stand true.

J. L. Craig of Acworth, Ga., desires all the saints to pray that he may be reclaimed.

He also wants a minister to come to his home to hold a meeting. Write him to Acworth, Ga., R. No. 5.

Mrs. Janey McNeese of Rocky Face, Ga., wants all the true saints to pray that she may be healed of catarrh and kidney trouble, and receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray that her husband and sons will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Alice Hood, Wannville, Ala., earnestly desires the prayers of all the saints that her husband may come in this way before 't is too late, and pray for her mother to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Also pray that some one will hold a meeting there as there are hungry souls there.

L. D. Sexton of Crockett, Va., is seeking the Holy Ghost and wants the saints to pray for him, and pray for his family to be saved. Also pray for his daughter-in-law to be healed.

J. F. Smith, Pikeville, Tenn., requests prayer that B. R. Smith and wife may receive the Holy Ghost.

Glover P. Ledford requests that the saints everywhere remember that Hayesville, N. C. is a hard place, and that a special sincere prayer is desired, that God will wonderfully bless in the contemplated revival at that place in April.

WANTED

We are in need of another stenographer. Young lady preferred. Correspondence solicited Address Evangel Office.

HER EYESIGHT WAS RESTORED.

Dear Saints:

I truly praise God for His healing power. I WAS BLIND TWO YEARS AGO, COULDN'T TELL WHEN A LIGHT WAS IN THE ROOM AND GOD IN HIS tender mercy OPENED MY EYES. I looked at the light and it didn't hurt my eyes. Praise God!

He also healed my husband and me of the influenza. I can never praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me. Praise His great name!

I feel so much stronger in the Lord since I became a member of the great Church of God. I am glad I walked in the light when it shone on my pathway. I am glad I found rest when I came to Jesus. I find joy and peace all along the way.

We are preparing to go out in the Lord's work, pray that we will do God's will.

Your sister in Jesus,
Mrs. Josie Glover,
Sapulpa, Okla.

The Great Sacrifice.

John E. Attey

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53:6.)

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Pet. 2:24.)

When the Lord made man and placed him in the beautiful garden of Eden, He put a test upon him to see whether he would obey God or not. It was a very simple one, man was to eat freely of all the trees of the garden except one—the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He did not wish man to know evil as that could come only by disobeying God. The Lord had stated plainly what the result of disobedience would be. "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Gen. 2:17.)

Against the express command of God, our first parents, when tempted of Satan, allowed appetite to control them. They did the very thing that God had forbidden them to do, therefore they were driven from the garden. Being cut off from the tree of life, they became subject to death; and so all their descendants became a dying race. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12.)

Sin is rebellion against God. As God could not allow rebellion to continue for ever, either the sinner must be destroyed or some plan must be devised by which his sins could be removed from him.

The plan of salvation met this need by providing that Jesus, the Son of God should die in the place of the sinner. He who never sinned took the sinner's place, received the punishment that man deserved and stands ready to give the believing sinner His own righteousness.

This does not prevent the sinner from dying the natural death which comes to all as a consequence of Adam's sin. But it will save him who accepts it from the "second death," which the unrepentant must die for his own sins.

The plan of salvation provided that the sins of all the world should be laid upon Christ, that He should be treated as a sinner in order that repentant sinners might be made righteous through Him and receive the reward of righteousness. When we believe on Christ and realize how great is the love that led Him to come to the earth to die for us, our hearts are changed, sin becomes hateful to us, we put it away and the power of God working for us and through us makes us "new creatures in Christ Jesus."

As soon as this plan was devised it provided a Savior for man and mercy was at once offered to him. Having given Himself thus for man in the very beginning, Christ is truly described in the Scriptures as the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13:8.)

But it was not the design of God that Christ should at once give His life for man. There were few people in the world in the early ages. God desired to have many witnesses of the death of His Son. At that time the terrible nature of sin had not been fully developed, nor could it be until men should become so wicked that they would not hesitate to even take the life of the Son of God. Thus

their hatred and His willingness to die that they might live would be brought into contact; the fruit of sin and the fruit of love would be placed so closely together that all could see the difference.

The great central event in the history of this world was to be the cross of Calvary upon which Christ was to die. For the purpose of keeping before men the blessed hope that Christ would come and die for the sinner, the Lord directed that offerings were to be such as would represent Christ—living creatures that could be slain as He was slain. By such offerings the children of men could show their faith in the promised Savior. Bless His dear name!

When God, through Moses, took His people out of Egypt where they had been in bondage, He again gave them laws in regard to offerings. The lambs to be offered must be without blemish so they would properly represent the perfect Son of God.

When the fullness of time came, God sent His Son into the world to be the divine sacrifice for sin. The blood of animals could not really take away sin; it could only represent the split blood of Christ which was to be shed for sin. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him, he exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29.)

For ages men had looked over their flocks and selected choicest lambs for sacrifice, but now God's Lamb had come. God had looked over His great flock and only one could be found that could redeem the world. Although He was His only Son, God freely gave Him for the sins of the world. Then they led Jesus away to be crucified. (Luke 23:14, 15.)

Well had the prophet declared, "He is brought a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." (Isa. 53:7.)

Sinner, behold your sacrifice! See Him fainting underneath the weight of the cross, on the way to Calvary. That little hill near Jerusalem was to become the greatest altar of sacrifice the world ever saw, the place where love conquered hatred. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." (1 John 3:1.) Nailed to the cross, suffering the most terrible anguish, for six hours He hung suspended between the heavens and the earth, yet He prayed for His executioners. (Luke 23:34.)

It was the awful sin which had caused Him to sweat as it were great drops of blood in the garden of Gethsemane. (Luke 22:39-46.) Though He was nailed to the rugged cross, suffered great physical pain, deserted by His own disciples and entirely given up to His enemies, and surrounded by a mob led by the chief priests and rulers who taunted and derided Him while death was gathering over Him—it was the sense of His Father's displeasure that caused Him such grief and forced from His lips the despairing cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46.) To be forsaken of God, an experience which He must obtain in order to become a perfect Savior for guilty sinners—broke His loving heart and cut short His life. But the great sacrifice for sin was now made, the plan of salvation is sure and complete.

Christ, the Son of God, had died for man, the just for the unjust, the divine for the human. That which the sacrificial offering had long pointed forward to was now a reality. The offering of a lamb is no

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longer required. "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9.)

A worthy sacrifice has been provided by God Himself, and He will surely accept the offering which he has furnished. This sacrifice is always ready. Wherever we are, if we will, we can by faith bring this sacrifice before God in prayer and plead the merits of the Son of God in our own behalf. The promise is, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13.) He is the Prince of Life and His name, through faith in His name, can bring perfect soundness to every sinful soul.

May the Lord bless the reader is my prayer. Amen.

GOD'S FIRE
(Continued from page 1)

for use by the Heavenly Refiner Who sits watching His work.

The process must go on. The fire must burn if we would be pure as He is pure, fit for glorification and translation at His appearing. We read of beaten gold for temple use; let Him burn or beat us into shape just as He wills, so long as He can thus prepare INSTRUMENTS FOR HIS OWN USE, vessels for His temple service; yea, even a holy priesthood to reign with Him over the earth.

The apostle Paul instructs the Roman brethren to "present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God." Why acceptable? Because the altar sanctifieth the gift, not a part kept back for the owner's use and convenience. This is our reasonable service—sacrifice. We are sometimes found shrinking from the cup of His sufferings. He said to His disciples who sought only the throne and the glory ahead, "Can you indeed drink of my cup, and be baptized with my baptism?" They said, "We are able," because they were ignorant of the way He was going to the throne dominion. But when the hour of trial came, the Holy Ghost baptism was their sufficiency to endure to the end of the strange way God led them into His fullness. Each of them in their own measure became living sacrifices to God.

The question arises, "who shall dwell in the fire? Let God answer, 'Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burning? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stopeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Isa. 33:14-16.

Behold the flaming picture,

three faithful children of God walked in the fire unhurt and unharmed. They could not walk at first, they fell down bound with earthly bands in the midst of the burning fiery furnace. The fire was merciful and burned their bands. They stood erect, unhurt, and were soon seen walking about in the fiery furnace with the Son of God. Take courage, my precious brothers and sisters, the fire will not hurt you, the earthly bands are only being burned that you may walk fearlessly in the flames accompanied by the Son of God. Glory be to God. Hallelujah! The Church of God is truly in His furnace now.

The Word of God is truly like a fire; it warms, melts, and heals the people, it is powerful to consume the dross and burn the chaff and stubble. The apostle says that every man's doctrine shall be tried by fire, that is, by the light of the Word; of what nature it is, whether it be true or false, sound and solid, or corrupt and idolatrous.

Fire is taken for persecution, dissension and division.

Oh, brethren, Let us stand. Amen.

Wants to do More for Jesus.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to sound a note of praise to our great king for His goodness and love to me. Glory to God! I am saved and sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. I am also a member of the dear old Church of God.

The good testimonies and readings in the Evangel are truly food to my soul. I long to see precious souls come this way. I want to do more for Jesus every day. Life is short and souls are too precious to waste any time. The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few. "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (John 10:16.)

I praise God for a new church house at this place. We have a good Sunday school. Pray for us to rise and shine for God. Pray that I may stay humble and for my husband who is out on the battlefield.

Your sister,
Mrs. Alma Churchill.
Sapa, Miss.

Report.

We have just closed a three weeks meeting at Sweetwater, Tenn., with great victory. The Lord helped us to give out His Word and fearlessly assail sin. Many were convinced of the truth.

Sister Nancy Volles of Lenoir City and Sister Nannie Messer of Knoxville did excellent work at the altar; Sister Roseman Buck of Armathwaite seemed to be at her best at the organ and Sister Smith of Knoxville with the violin.

The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Three were saved, four reclaimed, five sanctified, nine received the Holy Ghost and four were added to the church. Some have pledged to pay tithes. We ask the prayers of all.

Your unworthy servants,
W. F. Green.
W. A. Walker.

The Church of God
Shines Brightly

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I had the following dream the night after I joined the "Church of God."

I dreamed I heard a voice saying, "Come and see." I looked up and saw on the sky in the east, in large letters, "THE CHURCH OF GOD." The words shone so brightly they hurt my

eyes. They reflected a light so bright, it made a hill near by become as transparent glass. Then the Lord appeared right over these words (which showed the Lord stands at the head of "The Church of God.") I could see Him plainly except His face. There seemed to be a mist over His face, and blood was dripping off His fingers and running on that beautiful hill. The same voice said, "That is the way the people crucify Christ, when they persecute 'THE CHURCH OF GOD.'"

I was so sorry because I had persecuted the Church of God that I bowed my head, and when I looked up the scene was gone and I awoke.

The dream seemed so real that I looked in the direction I had seen this scene, the next morning, to see if I could really see it.

I truly hope God will give me more dreams like that so I may tell the people to quit persecuting the dear old Church of God and come to Jesus. They know not what they do when they are persecuting God's people or they surely would quit at once. I used to say that if I had to go through the Church of God to get to heaven, I would never get there. But He called me this way and I have given up the worldly things for Him, and by His help, I mean to go all the way.

I have not received the baptism of the Holy Ghost yet and I want every child of God to pray for me. I am a girl eighteen years of age and I have many, many trials and temptations. I really need the Holy Ghost, also many prayers.

I am sending a little poem I composed one evening.

Your sister in Christ,
Lucy Keller,
Marion, Va.

The Church of God

The Church of God is shining,
H old up the "banner" fair;
E verywhere go tell the tidings
A nd His precious truth declare.

C ome, let us tell the "story,"
H ow Christ rules His only church;
U ntil the whole world plainly sees
R eligion is not mirth.
C hrist stands at the head of this
holy church,
H is Father's name it bears;

C h h holy church! we know 'tis right,
F or Christ in His "Word" declares.

G o tell the good news far and wide,
O f Christ's coming to earth again;
D own through the countless ages,
W ith Him we'll forever reign.
Composed by Lucy Keller.

Mentone, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name: I am still saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise the dear Lord.

I praise Him this morning for His wonderful healing power. It is so sweet to trust the Lord for the healing of my body. He has been my healer for five years. It seemed that my baby was right at the point of death several times but, praise the Lord, He has brought him through it all and he is well today.

The church here is on victory side. I see good prospects for the church this year. We were called to a home to pray for an afflicted sister who had not walked without crutches for eight weeks. The Lord wonderfully healed her and she danced and praised the Lord. She told us when we left that she was going to cook dinner. Praise the Lord! That is just like Him.

Your brother in the Master's service,

Bunyan Hall.

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